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Personal/Professional Development Workbook Worksheet

Assignment D2 from CrCrTh693, Action Research course

Instructions: Under each lettered item below, provide a summary of what you have done to complete it so far, and/or make a commitment to catch up by a target date, and/or indicate any concern about getting it to happen at all.

D1. Weekly entries in your PD Workbook (typed into wiki PD Workbook directly, or uploaded as files) on these items:

- a. possible application to your project of tools introduced during weekly sessions

I have completed a reflection on each tool introduced in class. These can be found in my PD workbook according to the color-coding (see key at top of document). Of the tools introduced thus far, the two that I believe will continue to be most helpful are the KAQF and the evaluation clock. I also feel that the listening practice will be helpful in terms of gathering information from interviewees as well as developing my process for building a constituency.

- b. weekly buddy check-ins

These have been alternatingly frustrating and helpful. My initial buddy dropped the class, and I caught up with a new buddy partner who was committed to making himself available. My buddy for the second section of the course has already met online with me once, but had to cancel on me for our second one. Nonetheless, I feel that my contact and discussion with my buddies has been as consistent as possible given the constraints of schedules, and they have been helpful in their comradeship moving through the sometimes unclear process of action research. I think I have been helpful to both of my buddies thus far, especially with my second buddy partner in terms of the refining of the problem he wanted to address and the focus of his intervention.

"If you are using the workbook and wiki effectively, they should convey your developing process of preparing to practice the tools," i.e., in addition to D1 above:

- c. records or products of homework and Action Research tasks

I am clearly in the cycles and epicycles of the process. I am in the midst of gathering and synthesizing information about past fairs both in and out of the high school

(illuminating the background), and this will inform my revision of the KAQF, and, therefore, the development of the creativity fair itself. My wiki page has my assignments posted. In addition, I have developed a system for my research which I think will help me to keep the information organized and also enable me to develop more insights than otherwise possible. This classifies my research into interviews about fairs the school already has, reading and perusals of fair websites and news stories, and more scholarly/academic writings on relevant topics. I may also develop, subsequent to this document, additional designs to encourage insights/reflection. This will remain a living document as well, so that I can continue to add information as I continue to research the subject (for instance, at least two sources are only available in hardcopy at the library and have yet to be obtained).

d. preparation for assignments and revisions in response to comments

I have completed all assignments up to this date (10/13) except for positing my clippings and revising my KAQF. I have been consistently prepared for class, and have remained committed to the action research process, as made clear through my attendance, preparation,

e. and your developing process "of critical thinking about course readings, activities, and discussions."

I have thoughtfully completed readings, and have meaningfully participated in activities and discussions. My thinking is made evident in my "post-class" PD workbook entries (see key at top of document).

D4. "Clippings" related to educational, professional, and personal change in newspapers, magazines, journals, and websites.

f. you've added something to the Clippings page about once every 2 weeks.

I haven't done this yet. Though I have been completing research, I simply haven't uploaded these. I will be caught up by Friday 10/18 or sooner (perhaps today—10/13). I am confident I will be able to do this due to the considerable time I have spent in searching for and collecting readings that can be relevant.

g. you've reviewed the Clippings added by other students and have determined that certain ones are more or less relevant to you for further follow-up

I have looked over the posted clippings, but have not found them to be particularly relevant to my topic.